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1. PRINCIPAL CHANNEL FOR FUNDING AND COORDINATING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL R&D AND TRAINING OF TECHNOLOGISTS IN MEXICO IS NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (CONACYT). CONACYT DOES NOT HAVE ITS OWN LABORATORIES AND RESEARCH CENTER; HOWEVER, IT HAS CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF PRINCIPAL RESEARCH CENTERS AND HAS ON ITS STAFF SPECIALISTS SECONDED FROM OTHER INSTITUTES.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO RESEARCH CENTERS IN MEXICO IN SAME CLASS AS SUCH U.S. INSTITUTIONS AS NBS, NATIONAL LABS, MAJOR UNIVERSITY OR INDUSTRIAL LABS, THERE ARE SOME GOOD RESEARCH CENTERS. BEST SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGICAL CENTERS ARE (1) NUCLEAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE - INEN, (2) RESEARCH INSTITUTES OF THE NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY - UNAM, (3) CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND ADVANCED STUDIES OF NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE - IPN, AND (4) NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS - IMIT.

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3. INEN HAS EXCELLENT FACILITIES AT ITS SALAZAR CENTER BUT IS CONSTANTLY BESET BY LABOR UNION PROBLEMS. AS CONSEQUENCE, NUMBER OF ITS BEST PEOPLE HAVE LEFT AND AT PRESENT IT IS OCCUPIED BY ARMY AND IS NOT IN OPERATION. UNAM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IS COORDINATED BY DR. AGUSTIN AYALA- CASTANARES, CURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF MEXICAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND IS CARRIED OUT BY NINE INSTITUTES (ASTRONOMY, BIOLOGY, PHYSICS, GEOGRAPHY, GEOPHYSICS, GEOLOGY, BIOMEDICINE, MATHEMATICS, CHEMISTRY), FOUR RESEARCH CENTERS (MARINE SCIENCE AND LIMNOLOGY, MATERIALS RESEARCH, APPLIED MATHEMATICS AND SYSTEMS, AND NUCLEAR STUDIES) AND THREE SERVICE CENTERS (INSTRUMENTATION, COMPUTING CENTER, AND INFORMATION CENTER). UNAM INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING HAS STRONG PROGRAM IN ENGINEERING TRAINING AND RESEARCH. IPN CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND ADVANCED STUDIES IS PARTICULARLY STRONG IN CHEMISTRY, ENGINEERING AND BIOPHYSICS. IMIT, ORGANIZED IN 1950 BY THREE MEXICAN BANKING INSTITUTIONS, CONTINUES TO HAVE ACTIVE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM.

4. SEVERAL OTHER RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS WORTHY OF MENTION ARE INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO Y DE ESTUDIOS SUPERIORES DE MONTERREY, ENGINEERING FACULTY OF AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY OF NUEVO LEÓN, INSTITUTO MEXICANO DE PETRÓLEO, AND RESEARCH FACILITIES OF MINISTRIES OF HYDRAULIC RESOURCES, HEALTH AND ASSISTANCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORT, NATIONAL PATRIMONY, INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND FISHERIES, AND AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK. SEVERAL NEW RESEARCH INSTITUTES HAVE BEEN CREATED BUT ARE NOT YET IN FULL OPERATION, E.G. - MEXICAN SIDEROLOGICAL RESEARCH AND INSTITUTE FOR ELECTRICITY RESEARCH.

5. REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE VISITED ARE CONACYT, INEN, UNAM, IPN, IMIT, AND PETROLEUM INSTITUTE. JOVA

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